

Alternative Transportation Fuels Coalition

Meeting Notes

November 20, 2025

In attendance: Rendall Farley, Skip Hires, Steven Polunsky, Christian Bigger, Logan Callen, Dave Stensland, Lois Bollenback, Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien

- Agenda Item 1 – Announcements & Coordination
 - Jason reviewed a few items:
 - Request for Applications is out for [WA EV Charging Program Round 2](#). \$19.4m available through the Dept of Commerce. Application deadline is 12/18/25. Broad eligibility—public, private, utilities—for Level 2 & DCFC installations
 - WAZIP – [WA Zero-Emission Incentive Program](#)—is getting closer to launch. Led by WSDOT and will be administered through CALSTART. It is a point-of-sale discount program for purchase of med/heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles.
 - ZEvergreen is an initiative through the governor’s office and Dept of Ecology. It is Governor Ferguson’s policy direction / continuation of clean energy efforts in Washington state.
 - Plug in America completed their national survey earlier this year. Survey results indicate people’s attitudes and experiences with EVs. A [Washington-specific survey summary](#) was published in October.
- Agenda Item 2 – Avista Update – Transportation Electrification Plan & Global Perspectives
 - Rendall Farley was a guest speaker and covered two items—his experiences driving electric in Sweden over the summer and highlights from Avista’s Transportation Electrification Plan update (TE Plan).
 - Last summer Rendall road-tripped through Sweden in a rental EV. Rendall estimated that Sweden is 5-10 years ahead of the US in terms of EV use and provision of charging infrastructure. He shared that public charging was mostly convenient, accessible, and operational. Charging units typically do not have connectors, so you need to bring your own. In addition, land uses were compatible with Level 2 charging locations, where the consumer may dwell for a while and can shop or explore local sites.
 - The Avista TE Plan update provides guidance for the next 5 years. It forecasts future EV adoption scenarios. The 2020 TE Plan forecast underestimated the light-duty EV registrations (in WA counties served by Avista) through 2025 versus actual registrations. Going forward we might

see more moderation in the growth curve. The new TE Plan assumptions use lower levels of EV adoption (in the counties Avista serves) compared to projections from Washington's Transportation Electrification Strategy. The adoption rate will have bearing on how much load is placed on the energy grid, which can be balanced by encouraging charging during off-peak times. The TE Plan demonstrates Avista's commitment to strengthening the region's charging capabilities based on reasonable planning assumptions, building partnerships, and demonstrating the potential regional economic benefits.

- The TE Plan is a living document and can be modified based on changing forecasts/conditions. The Plan update is expected to be available for public release in 2026.
 - Rendall's presentation slide deck is available upon request from SRTC. It is also attached to the January 2026 Coalition meeting invite.
 - Dave inquired if Avista was looking into battery storage to soften peak demand on the grid. Rendall noted this is expensive to implement and there are no immediate plans for this technology.
- Agenda Item 3 – [Horizon 2050 – Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#)
- Jason briefly mentioned SRTC's development of the region's long-range transportation plan, known as Horizon 2050. The final draft is complete and will be going to the SRTC Board of Directors for adoption at their 12/11/25 meeting.
- Agenda Item 4 – Next Meeting
- The meeting ended at 4:03pm. Jason will send an invite for the next meeting in January 2026.